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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached. A search report from the European Patent Office in a corresponding application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is also enclosed. Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the issuance of a first Office Action, no fee is believed due.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not

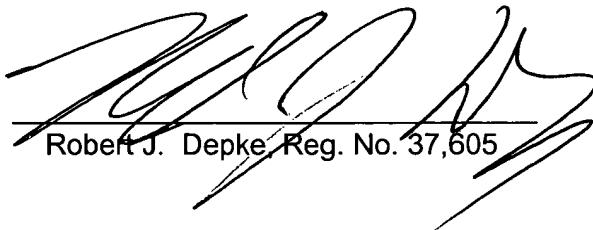
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constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019.

Respectfully submitted,



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